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Peres loses Labor presidency bid

Barak calls vote 'democratic decision'

By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party convention last night overwhelmingly voted to keep off its agenda the proposal to appoint outgoing leader Shimon Peres to the new position of party president.

The vote was a victory for leadership frontrunner MK Ehud Barak and a humiliating blow to Peres. The results of the secret ballot were 1,403-856 against Peres.

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Barak pledged to raise the issue again at the convention's sitting in September. Peres said prior to the vote that he would not be a candidate for the post at a later date.

By September, Barak could be party chairman and would then be able to define the presidency so the president would constitute little more than a figurehead.

Barak sought to appear magnanimous last night and spoke of "a democratic decision."

"We will lead the party after the June primaries and will work to achieve unity. We will lean on Peres's experience and greatness to win the next elections and to win the peace," he said.

Barak said there is "no reason for a split in the party. Peres will not join the Netanyahu government on his own. This is a wild speculation. Peres will not launch vendettas and Peres doesn't need titles. He is a giant in our time. He

is too big for all that."

Peres put his best face forward, insisting that "failure is not when one does not achieve a majority, but when he doesn't fight for what he believes. Nothing terrible happened today. It's all quite unimportant. What is important is the split in the nation and the right-religious coalition."

Peres said that friends had suggested the title of president. "It wasn't my initiative, but when friends worked so hard, I couldn't tell them it was for nothing. I couldn't let them down. The title isn't important and I didn't seek it."

At the same time, Peres said that "no one can send me home. No one can tell me to go. I will do what I think I need to do and what I think is right, and I need no one's permission for that. I need no formal mandate. I am a free man in good enough health to continue working very hard every day, and I expect to go on doing just that. I will now take the time to think what I will do next."

Concerned Barak supporters interpreted these statements as signifying Peres had not accepted the outcome and had not made a decision to step down.

Sources close to Barak said Peres's statements reflected closely what David Ben-Gurion said in 1965, shortly before defecting from Mapai. Some in Barak's entourage said Peres might split the party if he can get a third of the Knesset faction to follow him or he may join the Netanyahu government on his own, as part of his declared quest for peace.

"I don't feel personally hurt. This is not a personal question. I



Labor Party leadership candidate Ehud Barak (left), Knesset faction head Ra'anana Cohen, and chairman Shimon Peres talk with a reporter at the party convention in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Ronan Engel/Israel Sun)

feel the time has been running out for peace ever since the Rabin assassination and I want to impart the urgency for the cause of peace," Peres said.

MK Dalia Itzik, a Peres ally who supports Barak in the primary, said yesterday was "a sad day. The

party told Peres that it doesn't want him any more. They told him he is free of all commitments and of the fetters which bind him to the party."

Another Peres supporter, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, charged that "Labor beheaded

itself yesterday."

MK Yossi Beilin, who is running against Barak in the primary, said that "the best way for Labor members to right the wrong is to vote for me in the primary. I will invite Peres to be president if I win."

"This whole display of power on

Barak's part was superfluous and problematic," he added.

Another leadership candidate, Ephraim Sneh, also said "it was all an unnecessary showdown. Had the sides accepted my mediation proposals, all this could have been easily averted."

ANALYSIS

Barak still needs Peres

By SARAH HONIG

Outgoing Labor leader Shimon Peres yesterday rhetorically challenged the party's convention delegates to tell him if he is a loser. Their vote a few hours later constituted their answer.

The delegates mercilessly ended the two-decade Peres era and unofficially crowned MK Ehud Barak as the party's new chief.

The drama was by no means a radical departure from time-honored Labor tradition. It has all happened before and it has happened to leaders with an even greater claim to greatness than Peres.

Such is the natural cycle in Labor. When the center of power is perceived to shift, even the mightiest party boss or national icon cannot escape rejection.

David Ben-Gurion is a case in point. His rule was close to absolute, but when it began to shake, he was left with few allies.

Peres should have kept this in mind, especially as he had a hand in many of those past events since his days on the rise not only to national leadership but to the control of the party machine for two decades.

Even when the late Yitzhak Rabin narrowly wrested the leadership from him, Peres continued to control the party machinery. All that did him no good when their basic political survival instinct told the delegates that Peres is no longer a viable bet.

The stinging loss at Barak's hand was something he could have avoided had he followed the example of his Likud counterpart, Yitzhak Shamir, who stepped down gracefully, without any prodding.

But when Peres announced last fall that he would not run again, it rang like a forced concession and he soon displayed his intention to hold on to the party leadership.

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Jordan envoy resigns after 4 days

By DAVID RUDGE

Foreign Minister David Levy was optimistic yesterday that he would persuade Ambassador to Jordan Oded Eran to rescind his decision to resign - after just four days on the job.

Eran, who submitted his resignation to the Foreign Ministry on Sunday, decided to step down because he was not informed about last Thursday's visit to Akaba by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for talks with King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan.

Eran left the embassy in Jordan and was reported to be attending an economics conference in Brussels. He was not available for comment.

The Foreign Ministry, however, confirmed that he had resigned, although Director-General Eitan Ben-Zur expressed the hope that Eran would reconsider.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement saying Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had been informed in advance of the prime minister's secret visit to try and resolve outstanding water issues which



Oded Eran

Netanyahu said, created a "mini-crisis" in Israel-Jordan relations.

The statement implied that Levy, having been told of the visit, was responsible for informing Foreign Ministry staff, in particular the Israeli government, of the visit.

Levy met with Netanyahu yesterday afternoon to discuss the issue, which was cited by senior

Foreign Minister staff as an example of lack of coordination between the ministry and the Prime Minister's Office.

Foreign Ministry officials have complained that they have been kept out of the circle of decision makers on important issues, including the peace process.

Former ambassador to Jordan Shimon Shamir said in an interview with The Jerusalem Post last week that since the formation of the Netanyahu government, there have been too many cases of misunderstanding, insufficient coordination, use of improvised and irregular channels, and leaks about secret meetings, all of which have eroded the effectiveness of the political system.

Shamir said, "Integrity is a primary concern because of these irregularities and leaking of meetings from the media after they had taken place that he had sought an extension of his term."

"Unfortunately, such incidents [and] lack of coordination cause embarrassment to the whole of the Israeli governmental system and an erosion of the credibility of the government, as well as a deterioration of the image of the Israeli political system," Shamir said. "This is an instrumental problem which inevitably has a detrimental effect in relations [between Israel and Jordan] on substantive issues."

There was no lack of coordination, however, between Levy and Netanyahu, with the former family supporting the prime minister's stance that the secret meeting had been necessary to resolve the dispute over the water issue.

Levy said after the meeting that Netanyahu informed him of the Akaba meeting only an hour before it took place and that he was asked to keep it secret.

"There are occasions, in the midst of a crisis, which require the intervention of the prime minister," he said.

He stressed it was an extraordinary incident, but one which could and did happen in diplomatic and political life. He maintained that there was no reason for Eran to resign, because the Foreign Ministry adheres to the principle that diplomatic relations be handled through embassies.

Bar-On petitions in High Court today

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court of Justice will convene today to consider nine petitions relating to the Bar-On Affair.

Five justices will sit on the panel, which will be headed by Deputy President Shlomo Levin. President Aharon Barak disqualified himself since he gave evidence to the police team which investigated the affair.

Should the court decide to overrule Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decisions not to indict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or Justice Minister Itzhak Hanegbi, it could throw the political system into chaos.

Rubinstein decided, in his report published just before Pessah, that neither would be indicted on charges of breach of trust or fraud, although their behavior was found wanting in terms of good government.

At the same time, the report said that Shas MK Aryeh Deri should be indicted for trying to appoint an attorney-general who would help him in his ongoing criminal trial. Police and the prosecution are still examining evidence with regard to Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

In its responses presented Sunday to the court, the State Attorney's Office said it will defend its position that neither Netanyahu nor Hanegbi should be prosecuted, since there is a lack of prima facie evidence that they were involved in a crime.

Petitions were submitted to the court by Meretz, Labor MK Ophir Pines, the Movement for Quality Government, and several private citizens.

Among the central issues raised in the petitions are requests that the court order indictments against Netanyahu and Hanegbi and for the latter to be removed from his position. Another petition calls for the suspension of Lieberman until a decision is made about him. There are also petitions calling for the publication of the report by the

Kasparov found Deep Blue all too human

By URREL HEILMAN

Forced to choose between a move offering strategic gain or one that would inflict psychological damage upon its opponent, IBM's Deep Blue computer opted for the latter on its way to victory in Sunday's match against world champion Garry Kasparov, according to Shay Bushinsky, a Tel Aviv computer programmer who created a chess program similar to Deep Blue.

Kasparov will be arriving in

Israel next week in connection with his involvement in the Chess Academy he helped found in Ramat Aviv.

Kasparov, thrown off by the machine's uncharacteristically human behavior, lost the match that G.J. Tan, head of the Deep Blue team, told the Associated Press symbolized "the beginning of the Information Age."

Kasparov's friend Michael Khodarkovsky told AP this was the first time Kasparov ever lost a chess match.

After losing the second game, a puzzled Kasparov called Bushinsky, whose program "Junior" tied with Deep Blue for third place in a recent computer competition, to ask him if Junior would have made the same choice in anticipation of the move's man-

ual effect on its mortal opponent.

Bushinsky said Kasparov was surprised by the "human-like calculation" the computer made in determining its move.

"It is unclear whether Deep Blue's move was strategically optimal, but it had a psychological effect on Kasparov that served to increase the pressure on him, because he suddenly saw the computer do something he had never thought the computer would do," Bushinsky said.

He explained that while in the other games of the match, Deep Blue took a defensive stance and made moves that were predictable by most "high-level" chess masters, in taking the offensive in the second game.

programmed to react rather than initiate.

"On offense, man is better than machine," Bushinsky said, but Kasparov fell victim to the computer's psychological warfare.

Because Kasparov could not outmaneuver himself with the computer's playing style before the game, a practice he utilizes against human opponents, Deep Blue had an advantage over him and Bushinsky.

"Garry Kasparov was not mentally prepared for the game," he suggested, insisting that Kasparov's defeat had more to do with his mental state than his chess skills.

After his loss, a visibly frustrated Kasparov told reporters, the game "obviously has a psychological effect. I am a human being."



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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Convention of ill will

By SARAH HONIG

Yesterday's session of the Labor Party's convention was described by many delegates as the "convention of ill will." Most everybody admitted to being uncomfortable and a few even spoke of revulsion.

The speeches of the chief protagonists - outgoing leader Shimon Peres and his likely successor Ehud Barak - were received by the other side without understanding or compassion. It was reminiscent of previous Labor feuds, and one could hear comparisons to what happened to David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and, most of all, Peres' great battles with the late Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres told the delegates that if the convention chose not to consider his appointment as party president now, "I will not be a candidate. I have no desire to continue being the victim of speculation and slander any longer. I will not be here in September."

Peres hotly denied charges that what

he really wants is to become Labor's co-leader. "I am not trying to set up dual power centers and I am not after power and authority... but I also don't want a role defined as honorary, because that would be a dishonor."

His motive, Peres asserted, is to save the peace. "As long as I am breathing and I can stand on my feet, I will try to save the peace process which is being murdered before our very eyes."

He grew most emotional when defending his record and seeking to challenge the view that he is a loser who never led his party to victory at the polls. He described at length how in 1977 he took over a disintegrating party, "which no one wanted. I had no competition then. I was unanimously elected to the Labor leadership, but then I was called the loser. Did I alienate the National Religious Party? Did I establish the Democratic Movement for Change?"

The audience grew restless as Peres spoke, and could not always discern what point he was trying to make. His speech was somewhat disjointed and

highly emotional. Because he was so emotional and concentrated so heavily on past feuds with the likes of MKs Avraham Shohat and Uzi Baram, his words were not well received.

"It wasn't one of his best speeches. Peres sidetracked too much, was far too emotional and did not adhere to the issues at hand," Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg said.

The audience was not always kind to Peres. When he asked rhetorically: "Am I a loser?" many voices could be heard calling out "Yes."

Barak, in contrast, delivered a speech in which he explained why the convention should not make Peres president now. "Let's not compete over how much we love Peres. We all love him, but our task tonight is to decide between a return to the old days of intrigue and factionalism in the party or to head to a new era of unity, hard work, credibility, openness, and victory."

After the June 3 leadership primary, Barak promised to call Peres and ask him to come to his party's aid.



Young Labor Party activists display propaganda for each of the four candidates, Ehud Barak, Ephraim Sneh, Yossi Beilin, and Shlomo Ben-Ami, who are vying for the party leadership. (Israel Hadar)

BACKGROUND

NRP's new MK tips balance to right

By HERB KEINON

The National Religious Party, already positioned well on the government's right side, will likely look and sound even more right wing with the addition of Nissim Slomiansky to its Knesset faction.

Slomiansky, the head of the Elkana Regional Council, was No. 10 on the NRP's Knesset list, which placed nine MKs in the House in the last elections. He will be replacing Avraham Stern, 62, a longtime NRP activist from Hakibbutz Hadati movement, who died on Monday and was buried yesterday at Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv.

Stern, who for years advocated a degree of territorial compromise with the Palestinians, was considered a representative of the NRP's "moderate" stream, while Slomiansky, one of the founders of Gush Emunim and a leading member of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, is affiliated with the party's right wing.

Stern was the only NRP MK, besides the party's two ministers, who absented himself from the Knesset plenum in January during the vote on the Hebron accord, rather than vote against the accords.

Earlier this year, Stern was quoted in *Ha'aretz* as saying that he did not rule out the possibility of a Palestinian state. "I don't rule it out altogether, if there is a chance for a peace arrangement and that is the element which holds it up. I don't want a Palestinian state either, but it doesn't seem to me to be a sacred issue. In my opinion, it's possible to create such a state on condition it doesn't have a massive military, the ability to produce arms, and the right to exchange ambassadors with other countries."

Stern was roundly castigated in the party's various frameworks for these remarks. In stark contrast to Stern's positions, Slomiansky is counted among those on the right even in the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Slomiansky was opposed to a 1995 initiative by some settlement leaders to talk with Palestinian Authority officials. Slomiansky, the council's "operations officer," was a driving force in numerous council demonstrations and anti-Oslo

protests over the last four years.

In recent months, because of disillusionment with Prime Minister Netanyahu's settlement policy, he has led a move to try to find a right-wing candidate to run against Netanyahu in the next elections.

The addition of Slomiansky means that five of the party's nine MKs live in settlements. In addition to Slomiansky, who lives in Elkana, Yigal Bibi and Hanan Porat live in Gush Etzion, Zvi Hendel in Gush Katif, and Shaul Yahalom in Kedumim.

The addition of Slomiansky will undoubtedly strengthen the image of the NRP as the party of the settlers. This is somewhat ironic, since the party's success in the last elections - it went from six to nine seats - had much to do with its appealing both to a wider sector of the religious public and to elements of the secular public.

The party's "NRP to your Right" slogan of the 1992 campaign was jettisoned in the 1996 campaign, with the party placing less of emphasis on the territories and more on issues of Jewish identity, values and education. Up until Stern's death, the balance of power between moderates and territorial hawks in the party's Knesset faction was roughly 5 to 4, in favor of the hawks.

Among those considered moderates were Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, deputy religious affairs minister Yigal Bibi, Shmuryahu Ben-Tsur, and Stern.

The hawks are generally considered to be Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, Avner Shaki, Porat, Yahalom and Hendel. Slomiansky will tip this to this balance further to the right.

But Yitzhak Rath, an adviser to Levy and former NRP spokesman, said this breakdown is very "superficial," and that he cannot remember a time when the party's decisions have been decided by one or two votes.

Shaki said that Slomiansky's addition to the list will not alter party policy. "Nothing will change," he said. "We are a united front, which stands as one." While the party's policies may not change, its tone may become more uncompromising - the result of one of its voices advocating territorial compromise having been replaced by another urging complete territorial integrity.

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NEWS

in brief

Man gets 24 years for raping stepdaughters

A Bat Yam man was sentenced to 24 years' imprisonment by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for raping and sodomizing the two daughters from his wife's first marriage over a seven-year period, ending in 1996. The 58-year-old man was convicted of molesting one of the girls from age 12 to 15, then raping her about four times a month until she was 19 and already a soldier. The other girl was raped from age nine to 11. The man, whose wife left him as a result of the crimes, denied the charges, saying he is impotent. *Tim*

Police to take over bus security

Police are preparing to take over bus security, after the cabinet decided on Friday to cancel the special Egged and Dan security squads, which were operated by the Transport Ministry. The Israel Police said the Transport Ministry squads did good work, but their capability was limited, as they were not authorized to detain suspects. As a result, the cabinet decided to transfer responsibility for bus security to the police. A budget has been arranged for the police squad, whose members will undergo special training. *Tim*

3 Torah scrolls destroyed in Ra'anana blaze

Three Torah scrolls and dozens of prayer books were destroyed in a fire at the Kfar Nahman hostel for the retarded in Ra'anana on Saturday night. According to police, the fire apparently was started by candles carelessly lit in the synagogue by one of the residents in memory of his brother. Interior Minister Eliahu Yishai ordered Interior Ministry officials to find an alternate site for the synagogue with the help of funds that the ministry would put at the hostel's disposal. He also called on the hostel's administrators to review regulations regarding fire prevention with the residents. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Alzheimer's cases expected to soar

The number of Israelis suffering from Alzheimer's disease is expected to double - to 100,000 - during the next three years. This prediction was made yesterday by Prof. Avraham Fisher of the Ness Ziona Biological Institute, during a press conference previewing the Fourth International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease to begin in Eilat on May 18. Five to 7 percent of people aged 65 are likely to contract this fatal, progressive form of dementia, as will 25% of those over 80. By comparison, there are some 500,000 to one million Americans and some 10,000 Israelis with Parkinson's disease. *Judy Siegel*

Groups demand educational system review

Educational and social groups are convening today in Jaffa to call for a review of the nation's educational system. Initiated by a group called the Oriental Democratic Rainbow and the "New Education" non-profit organization, and with the participation of university students, youth group members and other bodies, the participants will call on President Ezer Weizman to establish a commission to take a closer look at the nation's education system. Oriental Democratic Rainbow spokesman Moshe Karif said that among the issues they would raise in their demands for the review are the need to reopen school registration zones, the disappointing results in matriculation exams, particularly among the poor; the negative images projected in the schools of Arabs and Oriental Jews; and the failure to properly absorb Ethiopian Jews in the nation's schools. *Arjeeh Dean Cohen*

TAU raises more than \$20 million in donations

Tel Aviv University has raised new cash donations of more than \$20 million in the past six months, an all-time high, the university announced this week. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Detention law problems expected

By RAINIE MARCUS

Judges and police are expecting disruptions and problems as a result of the new law on detention of suspects, which came into effect on Monday. Police must now bring suspects before a judge after 24 hours, instead of 48. Courts are now to be open until 10 p.m. to accommodate requests for remands, but so far, a senior Justice Ministry source said, there has been no authorization for additional budgets for personnel. In Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, one more judge has been appointed; he will be on duty

from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Judges are concerned that police will not make arrests because 24 hours will not be sufficient to investigate and to gather evidence to warrant a further remand, according to ministry sources. "Many criminals may be running free because police do not have the time to investigate, and they will be released on bail by a senior officer at the police station because there is no other choice," a senior legal source said. Police and judges also slammed the fact that the new law allows the suspect to consult with his lawyer at the beginning of the

24-hour period. Previously, suspects were not allowed to consult with lawyers immediately. Meanwhile, the Israel Police has begun to make changes in its organizational structure, under a long-term plan initiated by Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani. Rather than each police district being divided into sub-districts, which in turn are in charge of police stations, plans are under way to eradicate sub-districts and build more and larger police stations that will answer directly to each district headquarters, Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said last week.

At present Tel Aviv is divided into three sub-districts, which are in charge of police stations in their respective areas. The restructuring of the city's police, to include eradicating the sub-districts and building seven stations instead, will mean that each station commander will be directly responsible to the city's chief, Aharonishky said. "The demography of the city has also changed - North Tel Aviv has expanded and thus citizens' needs have changed. "We aim to set up community policing points all around the city and its suburbs, to enable the public to have a local policeman to turn to for various problems," he added.



Videoconferencing at Hadassah

Dr. Koby Assaf, director of the emergency room at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, diagnoses a patient at a Kupat Holim Clalit clinic in Beit Shמש via a videoconference call over special Bezeq lines. The experimental service uses a sophisticated computer system developed by the SMI company. Assaf, who is in charge of the new service, said patients in outlying areas lacking a hospital can benefit, especially when local specialists are not available. X-rays, electrocardiograms and other data can be transmitted in real time, while the doctor speaks to the patient. The cost-efficient systems could operate in Magen David Adom's mobile intensive care units and in the IDF, he said. *(Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Avi Hayoun)*

Jerusalem church dedicates sculptures by Israeli artist

By HAIM SHAPIRO

One of Jerusalem's major pilgrimage sites was rededicated yesterday with a series of sculptures by an artist who is also executing a giant statue of Elvis Presley. The site, St. Peter in Gallicantu, marks the spot where the apostle Peter, according to tradition, renounced Jesus before the cock crowed three times. The sculptures, by artist Richard Shilo, include a monumental gate with a depiction of the last supper and a group sculpture of the moment of denial, as well as a

another statue of Jesus in shackles in the crypt of the church, marking the place where Jesus was incarcerated. Shilo, who was born in Poland 50 years ago and came to Israel in 1957, said that he is an agnostic, but that he related to universal religious ideas. "I related to universal ideas, not necessarily Christian ideas. I can grasp a beautiful idea in any religion," he said. Shilo, who designed the statue given out at the Israeli "Oscar" awards, has also undertaken to erect a 3.5 meter high statue of Presley at the

gas station at Neveh Dan. Father Robert Fortin, rector of the church, said that the church wanted to use a local artist. The church had actually learned of Shilo through a group of Palestinians from Beit Jalla, who work in a foundry he uses in Abu Ghosh. Fortin said he is pleased that the newly refurbished church represents the combined efforts of Palestinian Christians and a Jew. The major cost of the renovations was given by George and Marie Doty of Rye, New York, who also provided funds for the new dome in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Striking Delek workers clash with security guards

Histadrut to refinery workers: Withhold fuel from Paz

Striking Delek employees clashed with security guards early yesterday morning at the company's Haifa plant. At around 2 a.m., security guards chained the plant's gates closed and blockaded the entranceway, locking inside some 60 workers, who set up a protest camp at the plant a week ago. The workers and guards began to exchange blows, and one worker was lightly injured.

Delek legal adviser Ya'acov Finegut said the company had sent the guards to prevent property from being stolen from the plant, and not to interfere with the protesters. At a solidarity protest with the striking workers yesterday, the Histadrut called on refinery workers not to supply Paz with fuel due to claims that it has been supplying fuel to Delek stations. Today the Histadrut is signaling to the Paz company, and other

fuel companies, that it's not worth it for them to interfere in a dispute that doesn't involve them and to violate a strike. Haifa Histadrut chairman Baruch Zaitz said. The Histadrut will not allow Delek to destroy the collective labor agreement and ensure that its employees to personal contracts. Yigal Cohen, head of the Histadrut Haifa branch's trade union department, said at the protest. *(Tim)*

YA'ALON

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Ya'alon said the attempt by the Palestinians to blame the abortive attacks near Kfar Darom on Israel is for domestic reasons, to show that the Islamic jihad could be penetrated by Israel. In answer to MK Ze'ev Binyamin Begin, Ya'alon said the smuggling of arms and ammunition by Palestinian holders of VIP status continues. On Syria, Ya'alon said President Hafez Assad has not given up the military option if he cannot reach his goals by other means, but he

would not resort to this until the possibility of a US-brokered diplomatic process has been completely exhausted or breaks down. Ya'alon said Assad realizes he needs the US to help resume the diplomatic process. Syria continues to invest mainly in strategic weapons, such as ground-to-ground missiles, with the help of civil Russian experts. It

apparently aims at creating a deterrent in this field because it cannot compete with the strategic balance created by Israel's ground and air forces, he said. Ya'alon also said Assad is well aware of the different consequences in the use of conventional and non-conventional weapons. Syria continues, with partial success, to whittle away at Israel's diplomatic achievements with other Arab states including Jordan, Egypt, the Gulf states and in North Africa, according to Ya'alon.

RAVIV

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The High Court yesterday rejected several petitions against showing the film, which Michael Karpin wrote and directed. The groups which appealed against the broadcast said it was not objective and noted in particular that the director, David Mosevics, financed the newspaper ads after the elections headed: "Have the murderers inherited?" Eitan said Raviv had activated and mobilized other people to act with the deliberate intention of blackening the name of settlers, the

national camp and Hebron residents. He led different organizations, including Sword of David, Dov and Eyal. Eyal staged a swearing-in ceremony by Baruch Goldstein's grave and claimed credit for the murder of an Arab in Halhul. The Arab was later proven to have been killed by another Arab in a robbery. Raviv, in the presence of Yigal Amir, apparently argued that the religious law of *din rodef* should be applied to Rabin. He also said it should be used against Shulamit Aloni, Yossi Sarid, Shimon Peres, Yossi Beilin and others. Eitan raised the questions of where Raviv is today; where he works; and who pays him. He said the investigation should examine whether somebody gave Raviv immunity to call for Rabin's murder and act in different sites, including schools, and use public funds for this.

Seven bitten by snakes over past two days

By JUDY SIEGEL and Tim

At least seven people were bitten by snakes Monday and yesterday. According to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed, which treated five of the cases, the recent heat wave has awakened snakes early from their winter hibernation. In the event of snakebite, lay the victim on the ground and ensure that he is completely motionless. Bind the affected limb to the body and call Magen David Adom (at the 101 emergency number). Don't cut or burn the wound or suck out the venom; don't put ice on the wound or attach a tourniquet; don't try to catch the snake.

MDA advises taking a first-aid kit on hikes and trips, wearing high-top shoes, placing a barrier at the entrance to tents, and being careful not to stick your hand into hidden places, including under rocks. The five snakebite victims treated at Sieff Hospital were a soldier from a base on the Golan Heights, a 16-year-old from a moshav in the Galilee, a young woman from a kibbutz near Kiryat Shmona, and two men who were working in the fields of Kibbutz Merom Hagolan. MDA reported that an 18-month-old baby was bitten at Moshav Saniam, and a 45-year-old woman was bitten while sleeping at Kibbutz Beit Hashita.

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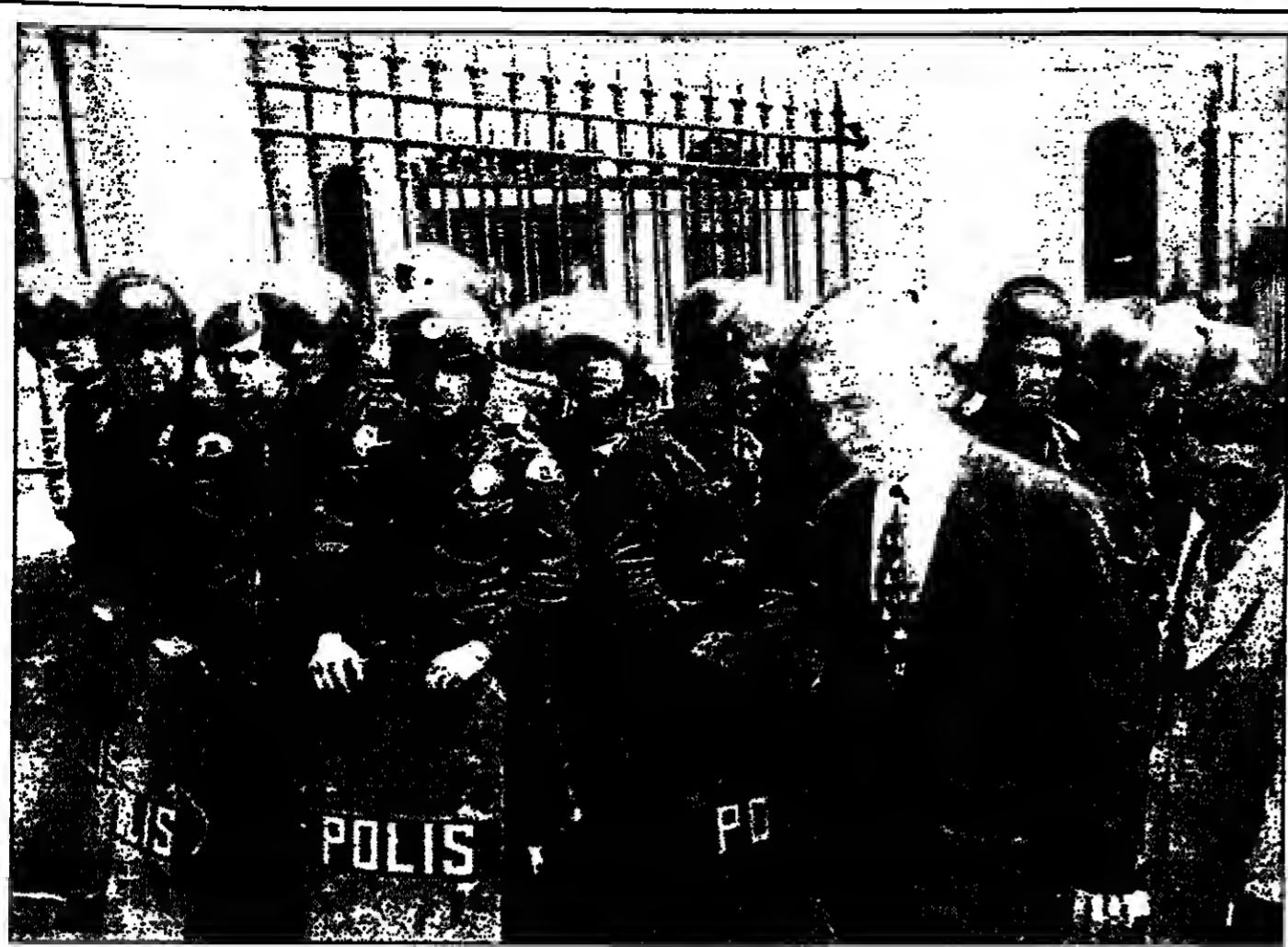
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- Thursday May 22 RETURN TO BEIT SHEAN** Thousands of years of history - Greek, Roman, pagan, Jewish - now revealed for all to see. Theaters, temples, bath-houses, markets, frescoes, houses of ill-repute. All the beauty and cruelty that paganism offered. Even if you've been before, come again, because so much more has now been revealed, including the "Mona Lisa," in one of the world's most successful digs. NIS 190 (including lunch) Tour guides: Yisrael Shalem
- Sunday June 1 A DAY LIKE NO OTHER** Israel is not associated with heavy industry, and yet... This tour will visit the Haifa Bay, including the Oil Refineries, the Kila Aluminium Works, plus a boat tour of the bay when we'll view the shipyards, workshops and navy base. We bet you've never seen this part of Israel. NIS 200 (including lunch) Tour guide: Dr. Yoash Zohar
- Monday June 9 ACRE - THE CRUSADER CITY** In July 1099, after they had captured Jerusalem, the Crusaders realized they needed a port with a major harbor. So they turned this small city into an important Crusader stronghold. The markets filled with goods, cloth, jewels and precious stones, for the troops to take home as souvenirs. We'll visit the Hospitaliers Quarter and view the new discoveries, the Genoa Quarter - little Italy in the Holy Land - the Templars Quarter, the Turkish Baths and more. NIS 185 Tour guide: Eran Sabar
- Thursday June 19 LAND OF MILK AND HONEY** Cheese, honey, olive oil and wine - we'll taste them all on our way. We'll start at the organic dairy of Kila, and continue on to the olive oil press at Marz village with their olive oil soap factory, then the prize-winning Dalton winery. We'll also visit the bee hives of Shadmat Dvora and its silk production unit. The Galilee is especially beautiful at this time of the year. Join us! NIS 225 (including lunch) Tour guides: Israel Shalem

The tour price includes transportation from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv and return, entrance to all sites, background lectures and on-the-spot explanations. Lunch as indicated. 10% discount when you book all four tours. Pick-up and drop-off along the route when possible and arranged beforehand. Reservations and further information: SHORASHIM, POB 7588, 14 Rehov Abarbanel, Rehavia, Jerusalem 91074. Tel. 02-566-6231 (9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Ask for Michal, Vered or Yarda.

No telephone submissions

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Riot policemen look on yesterday as Ertugrul Ozkok, editor-in-chief of the daily newspaper 'Hurriyet,' makes his way back from the Istanbul governor's office after Turkish journalists marched there to protest recent attacks on the media. (Reuters)

Turkish journalists protest threats

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Almost 200 Turkish editors, columnists, newsmen and reporters yesterday delivered a petition to Istanbul's governor urging action against what they said were politically motivated attacks on the media.

leavings attacked the headquarters of the secularist Turkish newspaper *Hurriyet*, which has been a harsh critic of the Islamist-conservative government. A janitor was injured in the episode.

against the press and this creates a very very dangerous situation," Haluk Sahin, Kanal D news coordinator said.

Mandela pressures Zaire leaders

CAPE TOWN - President Nelson Mandela was cautiously optimistic yesterday that a meeting between Zaire's warring factions would yield a peace agreement.

Miami struck by twister

MIAMI (AP) - From the roof of the downtown police station, Officer Leo Carlo watched the tornado lurch closer and closer.

McCrea watched the storm rip trees out of the ground and set off small explosions as it tore down power lines. An estimated 20,000 people lost power, but it was restored by evening.

Moslem-secular clash in south Russia leaves at least one dead

MOSCOW (AP) - At least one man was killed when Moslem villagers in southern Russia clashed with members of a fundamentalist Islamic sect, accusing them of intolerance, a news agency reported yesterday.

A stand-off continued overnight with the Wahabites staying inside the mosque and both sides calling for reinforcements from other towns in the area.

Palestinians plotted to kill pope - reports

BEIRUT (AP) - Palestinian terrorists planned to assassinate Pope John Paul II with rockets during his visit to Lebanon last weekend, two Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday.

mated at 500,000 people. The authorities deployed some 20,000 police, soldiers and other security personnel, along with tanks and helicopters, to guard the pontiff.

Another quake hits Iran

By STEVEN SWINDELLS
QAEN, Iran, (Reuters) - A second earthquake struck Iran's devastated eastern region and more international aid made its way yesterday to survivors of the killer quake that displaced 50,000 people last weekend.

months had put a huge strain on its emergency supplies and sparked an urgent need for international help.

Advertisement for Arab Cultural Month 1997. The text is in Arabic and English. It lists various events such as National Opening, Arab Heritage Exhibition, Debka and Arab Folklore Carnival, National Exhibition of Arab Artists, Marathon of Arabic Cinema, Literary Evening in Memory of the Author Fahl Habis, Poetry Evenings in Memory of the Poet Michel Hadad, and Can Zaman Tent. It also mentions the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the Beit Hagafen Arab Jewish Center.

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GRAPEVINE

Weizman seeks independence

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

At the close of his brief welcoming address to guests attending the annual Independence Day reception for diplomats at Beit Hanassi...



Weizman: (Almost) standing on his own feet again (Issac Harari)

outstanding soldiers, but decided afterwards that it is still too soon to discard it entirely.

In an attempt to get the peace process back on track, Weizman is not only talking to Yasser Arafat, but to US peace envoy Dennis Ross...

Earlier Ross had a tete a tete with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, and then with Foreign Minister David Levy...

THE BUSY social whirl in the diplomatic community puts a lot of pressure on female diplomats and wives of male diplomats.

LIKE HIS cousin, television newsmen and stage actor Emanuel Halperin, Likud MK Benny Begin has an innate sense of theater.

entered the hall, declaring: "It's always like that with you people. I mention someone, and he comes in. I intend to mention Ehud [Barak] before the end, so he still has 20 minutes to show up."

Though cheered by his own campaign team, Barak drew far less applause than Begin from the Jerusalem electorate, which also enthusiastically applauded both Begin and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo...

There was hardly any heckling when Begin spoke, and after he concluded, many Laborites stood up to shake his hand.

THE FACT that Russian chess champion Garry Kasparov was defeated in a technical knockout by IBM's Deep Blue computer



Porat: Training future chess champions (Elihu Harari)

only poses a greater challenge for other potential champions. This may explain why National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat spent so much time on Independence Day coaching Kibbutz Kfar Etzion youngsters in the intricacies of the game.

A MISHAP in the cockpit of the private plane taking him to Cannes almost prevented Sylvester Stallone from attending the celebrated film festival.

THE TIMING was almost perfect. Terry Hatcher, who plays Lois Lane in the Superman series Lois and Clark, and who landed the role as the latest James Bond girlfriend, has announced that she is three months pregnant.

US moms pine for '50s-style family

By SUSAN BAER

Mothers today are having such a hard time balancing the demands of family and work that they are looking back wistfully to the traditional Leave It To Beaver-type family structure...

In a poll of American women by the Pew Research Center for The People & The Press, 41 percent said they thought that a family in which the father worked and the mother stayed at home was best for raising children.

Only 17% said it was beneficial for children and society to have mothers work outside the home, and 37% said it made no difference.

Even among women who work full time, only 41% said they were confident that their situation was good for their children.

This is a strong indictment on the part of mothers these days, and women in general, about the way kids are being raised.

When asked to compare themselves with their own mothers, most women - 56% - said they thought they were less capable.

Only 11% thought they were doing a better job. The vast majority - 81% - said they thought the job of motherhood today was more difficult than it was 20 or 30 years ago.

For all their doubts about working moms - and about how able they are as mothers - most women said that in an ideal world, they would prefer to work rather than stay-at-home mothers.

But among those with children under 18, 44% said they would choose to work part-time rather than full-time.



MIR RENSHI/DTT

The survey, released last Thursday on the eve of the Mother's Day weekend in the US, was based on interviews with 1,101 adult women, both married and single, mothers and non-mothers.

The margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points.

Although women may be looking back fondly to the 1950s version of family life, where dad generally went to work and mom generally stayed at home, they are acknowledging that "the changes in the structure of American family are here to stay," Kobur says.

Mothers who work full-time said time pressures were the most difficult problems they faced.

When they were interviewed by the Pew Research Center, they cited such difficulties as "dropping him off at his baby-sitter's so I could be at work by 6 a.m." and "not being there for every-

thing like school functions."

Moms who work part-time or stay at home said that disciplining their children was the most difficult aspect of being a mother.

Kohut said the survey reflected "a tremendous amount of conservatism" in women's views about the ideal family structure for raising children.

For instance, only 17% of women said they thought that divorced couples who split custody of their children can do a good job of parenting.

Similarly, 65% were opposed to single women having children, and 56% thought it was detrimental to society to have gays and lesbians raising children.

The good news in the poll is that women in general say they are satisfied with their lives, with mothers whose children are grown the most satisfied and single moms the least satisfied. (The Baltimore Sun)

PARENTING

Newsletter helps new parents

By RUTH MASON

Having a baby - especially your first - is a wonderful but sometimes overwhelming experience. There's so much to know and we have to learn much of it on our own.

For those parents who want a quick and easy update on their child's development, a group of American experts has put together Growing Child, a month-by-month newsletter about what your child is doing, thinking, experiencing and looking like.

The first newsletter, called Birth, tells you what to expect from your newborn: Much to many new parents' surprise, a newborn's skin will be red and scaly and its nose may look flat.

The same issue contains short articles on the importance of the old-fashioned rocking chair, your baby's intelligence, breast feeding, bottle feeding and a checklist for calling your doctor.

Each issue also contains a box listing what your baby likes to do at this age (e.g. stare at movement and light, be held and rocked) and what you should give your baby (head support when lifting or holding

her, the sound of your voice talking and singing, your arms.)

The monthly newsletter talks about newborn reflexes, a newborn's vision and the importance of talking to your baby. The authors cite studies, but write in a very readable, popular style.

The newsletters are a quick, handy reference for developmental milestones, ideas of what to do with and for your baby and child at different ages and what physical and emotional changes to expect at different ages and stages.

I would take the emphasis on early stimulation with a grain of salt. Most normal babies will develop just fine with a lot of love, physical and social contact and the freedom to move and explore.

Subscriptions in the US cost \$15 and include a monthly supplement called Growing Parent. For information on overseas subscriptions, write to Growing Child, 22 North Second Street, Box 620, Lafayette, Indiana 47902-0620, USA.

Not Page One The ReCon reckoning By Sam Orbaum

There is an answer to the perennial question "Who is a Jew?" It's a Jewish answer: "Who can say?"

The Orthodox believe they have the answer to both: "We" and "Us." No apologies.

Now, the Reform and Conservative movements have come up with a response of their own: "S."

Demure no longer, the ReCon component of our exhaustingly disputatious tribe is madder'n hell about the government's support for Orthodox exclusivity regarding conversions, the straw that finally broke this Jewish camel's back.

The ReCons' laden devotees in America are tired of being diminished and discredited by a cadre of stern rabbis on the other side of the world.

Think of what an alternative school system would do to enhance the influence of the forlorn Reform and Conservative sects.

They may have thought, influential in Israel.

Now, they're saying to the people who run this country, you've gone too far. Cut us out of this circumcision business, and you've bitten off more than you can chew.

This is an interesting confrontation between incongruities: a weak majority versus a strong minority; American democratic values versus Israeli theocratic realities; religious freedom versus political wheel-dealing.

It'll get really interesting if the ReCons carry through their threat, and put their money where their pout is.

There are two approaches they could take to establish influence in this country. Let's call them (a) and, ah, what the heck, (b).

(a) They believe they have justice and reason and morality on their side, but so what? They don't have political clout here, and nothing else counts for much here except, maybe, money.

And money they have. They let us have lots of it, naively assuming their donations make them investors in a partnership with this country, believing we appreciate every hundred million.

Imagine one day UJA in New York calls the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. "Unprecedented year. Beyond our wildest dreams. You wouldn't believe what we col-

lected for Israel this year."

"No?" "Five hundred big ones." "Million?" "Uh, no." "Billion?"

"No. Five hundred dollars." "Must be the recession." "No, the repression. Diaspora Jews are mad, mad, mad, and they're not going to take it any more. They say something about building a Jewish state with their own interests in mind."

All they have to do is create a nationwide infrastructure - social, cultural, religious, educational, economic - thus winning popular admiration and support, a successful method used by street-wise Shas.

Think of what an alternative school system would do to enhance the influence of the forlorn Reform and Conservative sects. A hundred schools, from Metulla to Eilat, with high academic standards, preaching both enlightenment and Jewish tradition - and absolutely free, funded entirely by diverted donations.

Such a system already exists (except that it's no more free than the rest of Israel's expensive free education) in the 30

Tali schools. Conceived by the Conservatives (and supported by Conservative and Reform), Tali is popular enough to maintain waiting lists so long, you pretty much have to register your child as soon as he's born.

Starting with free day-care, vibrant socio-cultural programs and a no-nonsense primary-secondary system offering enriched education on a par with Diaspora Jewish schools, non-Orthodox Israelis would go gaga.

Conservative and Reform here is more traditional than abroad. They could easily fill a crying need for quality - let me rephrase that: quality education in the vast niche between the secular and Orthodox streams.

Of course, the last thing the haredim want is their hated rivals stealing kids away from their grasp and inculcating them under the guise of "Jewish tradition."

The Jewish Agency would be frantic. The secular school system would scramble to adapt. The haredim would be tweaked when the government starts saying: "But on the other hand..." And those nice bareheaded yidn who fly here once a year to check on their plaques would find they have, finally, some influence here.

Then there's (b): instead of sending their money, a million of them could bring it, as immigrants. Instead of building schools, they could populate them. Instead of demanding their rights as Zionists, they could win them as Israelis.

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ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

Table listing Israeli shares in New York with columns for share name, price, and change. Includes AMEX and NASDAQ sections.

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TASE ROUNDPUP

Table listing TASE market indices and share prices with 'LAST CHANGE' column.

Teva up 2.75% as indexes rise

Shares closed broadly higher yesterday following the rise Monday of Israeli shares traded on Nasdaq and boosted by falling bond yields, traders said.

The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 1.56 percent, or 4.05 points, to 263.77 on an all-share turnover of NIS138 against NIS116m.

INTERNATIONAL SHARES

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Key Representative Rates

Table showing key representative rates for US Dollar, Sterling, and Mark.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDPUP

European stocks close at record highs

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading European share markets finished at record closing levels yesterday despite slipping from new trading highs earlier in the day after Wall Street, their inspiration, turned lower.

NEW YORK

Table listing New York stock market data and changes.

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OTHER MARKET INDEXES

Table listing other market indices and their values.

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

Table listing dollar crossrates for various currencies.

US COMMODITIES

Table listing US commodity prices and changes.

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Table listing spot market metal prices and changes.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Table listing New York metal futures prices and changes.

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow slips after passing 7,300

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks were lower yesterday as profit-taking spoiled the Dow Jones industrial average's bid to close above the 7,300-point level for the first time.

WHERE TO GO

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The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange data were unavailable due to technical difficulties.

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ANALYSIS

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Ra'anana Symphonetic Orchestra performs Yehzekel Braun's horn concerto with Michael Shatkin as soloist. The program also features Mozart's Requiem. Music director Yuval Zaliouk is on the podium tonight, tomorrow and Saturday (9) in Ra'anana. The Druid priestess who defiled her vestal honor and chose love instead returns to the Mana Auditorium tomorrow night as Alessandra Marc sings Bellini's Norma in concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Pinchas Steinberg. Barbara Dever is Adalgisa and Alberto Cupido sings Pollicino. Tomorrow (8:30) and Sunday (7). The Jerusalem Rubin Music Academy marks the 100th anniversary of Brahms's death with two concerts devoted to the composer's piano music. Tonight (8:30) pianists Michael Bugoslavsky, Isser Slonim, Eitan Gioranson and duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir perform while next Wednesday it is Liara Ziv Li, Allan Sternfeld, Irina Berkovich and Bruce Levy who play Brahms. Both concerts are at Hall 221 of the Academy in Jerusalem.



Barbara Dever stars in the IPO's concert version of Bellini's 'Norma.'

DEBATES
HELEN KAYE

Sci-fi devotees can get a jolt of reality when the newly formed Israel Science Fiction Association holds its first debate, on "Genetic Engineering - Reality versus Literature." The panel includes association chairman and translator Emmanuel Lotem and Hebrew University professor Hermona Shuruk. Tonight at Zvava Tel Aviv at 8 p.m. (Hebrew)

The penultimate Emile Habibi Debate deals with "The Press - a Bridge or Paper," asking to what extent the Israeli press is instrumental in building bridges between Arab and Jewish cultures. The panel includes journalists from the Israeli and Arab press. Tonight at the Jerusalem Khan at 8:30 (Hebrew)

FILM
ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★1/2 THE ENGLISH PATIENT - A respectably made bit of high-class kitsch, a sometimes moving, often rather silly love story set in a series of exotic locales. The basic outline - a flashback-filled romance, set in the Sahara and northern

Italy before, during and just after World War II - is that of the original novelist Michael Ondaatje. But a floridly picturesque look, grand, sandy landscapes, a dripping symphonic score and an unabashedly swoony approach to the doomed lovers at its center render Anthony Minghella's Oscar-winning film a tribute to the golden old Hollywood of Casablanca and Lawrence of Arabia. At two hours and 40 minutes, it's much too long. With Ralph Fiennes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Juliette Binoche. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

TELEVISION
ELANA CHIPMAN

Few will dispute the fact that Seinfeld changed the face of American comedy. Yet it took time for audiences to get used to the unconventional concept. The cast has not changed in the five seasons it's been running, and Jerry Seinfeld, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jason Alexander and Michael Richards have only improved with time. For those who never got to see the first seasons, or for those addicts who will watch them all over again, Channel 3 is to screen the first four seasons of this landmark show every night, Sunday through Thursday at 11.

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MOVIES section listing various films and their showtimes.

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Israel: Naval exercises with Turkey on

By **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

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said Avi Benyahu, media adviser for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, in reaction to the report. "Until this moment, Israel has not received any information or an official announcement to postpone the maneuvers," Benyahu said.

ly by all three countries involved," an unidentified Turkish military official told the Associated Press.

the Turkish army, Gen. Cevik Bir, led a 23-member delegation to Tel Aviv, where Israel and Turkey laid down the groundwork for the strategic cooperation between the two countries.

5 more 'Russian mafia' workers held

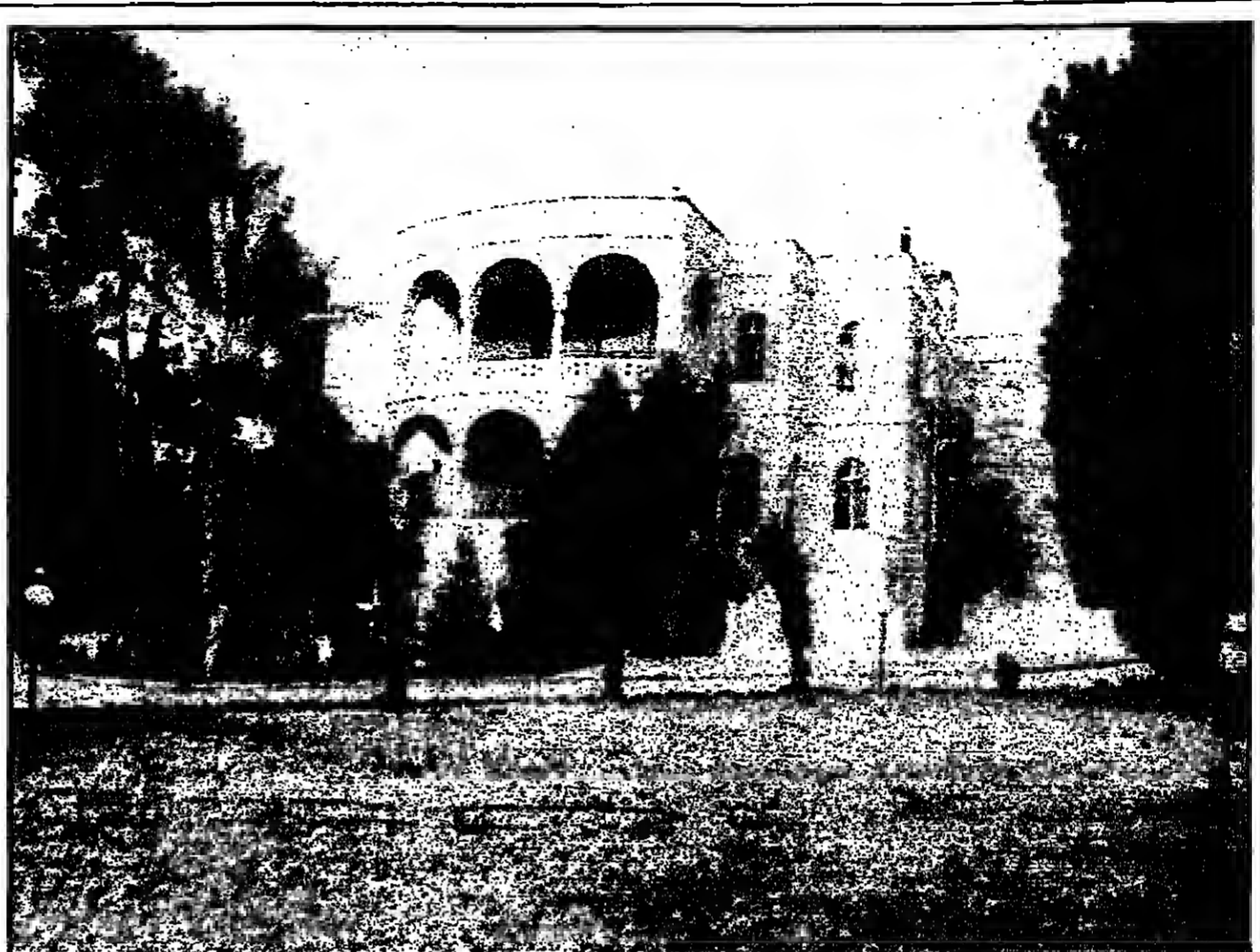
By **RAINE MARCUS**

Five people suspected of working for an alleged "Russian mafia" head, Zvi Ben-Ari (aka Gregory Lerner), were remanded yesterday by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court on suspicion of involvement in \$85 million in bank fraud, possession of arms, conspiracy to murder, and murder.

Crimes Squad, they were paid high bonuses out of money earned by Ben-Ari's fraud scams in Russia and in Europe.

Ben-Ari, 46, was arrested early Monday and remanded later that day for six days on suspicion of murder, conspiracy to murder, money laundering, bank fraud, foreign currency offenses and other crimes.

A TV program around six months ago showed the affluent lifestyle of the newly rich millionaire, who claimed to have earned his fortune by hard work.



A new home
The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem's (ICEJ) new international headquarters in the German Colony, is to open officially tomorrow. The embassy moved to the larger facility to prepare for the many Christian tourists expected in 2000. (CBB)

Former Ethiopian immigrant security agents demand compensation

By **LIAT COLLINS**

Several Ethiopian immigrants who worked there for Israeli security agencies before their aliyah, met yesterday with MKs Uzi Stern (Yisrael Ba'alyia) and Gideon Ezra (Likud) to request that the authorities recognize

their work and compensate them. Stern and Ezra agreed to help liaise between the immigrants and the security establishment.

Some of the immigrants, who worked there in two groups in the early 1980s and 1990s, were arrested in Ethiopia. They were not paid for their work helping others emigrate to Israel and have not received any recognition or compensation here.

Local authorities on strike today

J'lem, TA, Haifa, Beersheba, Rishon Lezion excluded

By **DAVID HARRIS**

Local authorities across the country begin strike action today in all services other than education, as they step up their opposition to what they see as the lack of funding from the central government.

ties are demanding an initial NIS 2b. this year, to be followed by a further NIS 2b. over the next two years.



Adi Eldar (Hanan Guttman)

had been due to consider calls for a general strike of the Arab sector beginning with a shutdown of municipal services and closure of all schools.

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Alzheimer's Disease Research: Hurdles and Hopes

on Sunday, 18 May 1997, at 4:00 p.m.
 at the Dolfi Ebner Auditorium, Sackler Health Sciences Complex
 Tel Aviv University Campus, Ramat Aviv

Entrance through Austria Gate (1)

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Lectures will be offered in five main subjects:

1. The theory of fuzzy logic
2. Fuzzy logic and neural networks
3. Fuzzy expert systems
4. Uncertainty management and fuzzy logic
5. Fuzzy logic and applications

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Non-Orthodox conversions abroad not accepted - petition

By **BATSHEVA TSUR**

The Interior Ministry has over the past few months refused to recognize non-Orthodox conversions carried out abroad, a petition to the High Court of Justice charged yesterday.

then applied to the ministry to register him as a Jew. The ministry, the petition says, recognized him as an Israeli citizen but refused to register him as a Jew.

Hizbullah steps up war against SLA

By **DAVID RUDGE**

Hizbullah is intensifying its psychological war against the South Lebanese Army, despite the failure of its attempt on Monday to capture the SLA's Soujoud position in the eastern sector of the security zone.

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